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1. FOLLOWING ABRIDGED TRANSLATION ACTUAL REPORT. PUT NEXT PROGRAM AFTER RECEIPT (RECONSTRUCT FULL SENTENCES IN RE-TRANSLATING):

2. (INTRODUCTION:) WE RECEIVED FOLLOWING SINCERE, REVEALING MESSAGE FROM ARMY GENERAL STAFF OFFICER ACTIVE DUTY.

3. (BEGIN TEXT) COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE AGAINST GUAT ARMY AS MAIN PERMANENT INSTITUTION NOT CONTAMINATED BOLSHEVIST IDEOLOGY IS SPEARHEADED BY PRESIDENT ARBENZ. ALREADY END 1953 ARBENZ HELD MEETING 400 OFFICERS, WHERE IN TWO HOURS LECTURE HE TRIED CONVINCE US THAT COMMUNISTS BEST ALLY AGAINST DANGER YANKEE IMPERIALISM. TUESDAY 8 JUNE 1954 ANOTHER SUCH CONFERENCE AT GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS. WE OFFICERS WERE INVITED SUBMIT WRITTEN QUESTIONS WITH COMPLETE LIBERTY. PRETEXT WAS PRESIDENT WANTED INFORM US ABOUT DOMESTIC, INTERNATIONAL POLIT SITUATION. TRUE REASON: ARBENZ WANTED SECURE COLLABORATION ARMY TO SUPPORT

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EXPANSION COMMUNISM IN GUAT, BUT IS SCARED TO DEATH.

4. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY CHIEFS OF MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS, DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS, ALL GENERAL STAFF AND DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICERS. ARBENZ SPOKE FOUR HOURS, FROM 4 TO 8 P.M. ALL OFFICERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY PROFESSED THEIR ANTI-COMMUNISM. ARBENZ STRESSED HE COULD NOT PROCEED WITHOUT ARMY SUPPORT, BUT TRIED INTIMIDATE ARMY BY REFERRING TO MEXICAN EXAMPLE, WHERE AGRARIAN REFORM ALLEGEDLY COST ONE MILLION HUMAN LIVES AND PEOPLE TURNED AGAINST ARMY WHICH -- ALWAYS ACCORDING TO ARBENZ -- HAD OPPOSED REFORM, ALLIED ITSELF WITH BOURGEOIS REACTION.

5. GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS SUBMITTED FIVE PAGES OF QUESTIONS TO ARBENZ, MOSTLY CONCERNING COMMUNISM AND ITS SUPPORT BY GOVT. ARBENZ EVADED THE MORE EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS INDULGING GENERAL ATTACKS AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND TREASON. HE DOES NO LONGER FEEL WITH ARMY, ALSO NEGLECTED PURELY MILITARY QUESTIONS WHICH POINTED OUT TO HIM LACK OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS, OF ORGANIZED RESERVES, ABSENCE MOBILIZATION PLANS. ARBENZ CONFIDENT ARMING COMMIE-LED LABOR UNIONS WILL SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS, DISREGARDING FACT THAT THUS POLITICAL COMMISSARS AND NO OFFICERS WOULD BE REAL LEADERS OF ARMED FORCES.

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6. ARBENZ HAS PROMISED THE LEADERS OF THE GOVT PARTIES THAT ARMY WILL CLOSELY COLLABORATE WITH THEM, DESPITE ENERGETIC PROTEST SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WHICH STRESSED THAT THEY ARE NO COMMUNISTS. ARBENZ SWORE HE IS NOT A COMMUNIST, PELLEGER, CASTILLO FLORES ETC. ARE NOT COMMIES EITHER. HIS LIKING OF COMMUNISM IS BASED ON THEIR ANTI IMPERIALISM. HE ASSERTED COMMUNISM IS PATRIOTIC DOCTRINE FOR LATIN AMERICA SINCE IT FIGHTS "DOLLAR POLICY". HE WILL NOT TOLERATE POLITICAL SYMPATHIES FOR COUNTRY WHICH OPPRESSES US BY POWER OR FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES ABSORBING NATIONAL WEALTH. ARBENZ ENDED BY STATING THAT LARGE SCALE BLOODSHED IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE AGRARIAN REFORM BECAUSE SAME HAPPENED WHEREVER SUCH REFORMS WERE CARRIED OUT. (END OF TEXT)

7. (CONCLUDING ANNOUNCER:) THIS WAS BUT ONE OF MANY MESSAGES FROM ARMY OFFICERS WHICH WE RECEIVE EVERY HOUR DAY AND NIGHT IT CONFIRMS OUR CONVICTION THAT OUR ARMY IS PROFOUNDLY ANTI COMMUNIST, CANNOT BE MISUSED BY ARBENZ-FORTUNY. WE THANK ALSO THE MANY OFFICERS WHOSE MESSAGES WE CANNOT BROADCAST FOR LACK OF TIME BUT WHOSE COMMUNICATIONS ARE NEVERTHELESS PUT TO THE BEST POSSIBLE USE BY OUR LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

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